

**Employment Security Department
Unemployment Insurance Division
Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda (July 31, 2006 – January 31, 2007)**

WAC CHAPTER	SUBJECT	AGENCY CONTACT	TIMING	SCOPE OF RULE CHANGES
<i>Chapter 192-210</i>	Referral Unions	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 2/02 CR102 – 8/06 Hearing – 9/06	Adopt rules to clarify job search and availability requirements for individual members of full referral unions. Clarify requirements of unions participating in the referral union program.
<i>Chapter 192-250</i>	Shared Work	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 5/03 CR102 – 7/06 Hearing – 9/06	Amend and adopt rules to modify eligibility requirements for employers and participants applying for the Shared Work program, clarify expectations of participating employers, address the number of consecutive plans an employer may have, and define terms.
<i>Chapter 192-220</i>	Overpaid Unemployment Benefits	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 1/06 CR102 – 11/06	Amend rules concerning the definition of “equity and good conscience” as that term relates to waivers of overpayments and offers in compromise. Adopt rules outlining the policies for partial waivers of overpayments. The Court of Appeals recently held that waivers must be made under the standard of “fairness” rather than relying primarily on the individual’s financial circumstances. The Court also for the first time ordered the department to consider partial waivers of overpayments.
<i>Chapter 192-300</i>	Employer Contribution Rates (SUTA Dumping)	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 5/06	Adopt rules to implement the department’s request legislation following passage and signing by the Governor. The intent is to ensure that employers do not evade their appropriate contribution (tax) rate.
<i>Title 192 WAC</i>	Powers of Attorney	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 9/06	Adopt rules to clarify the responsibilities of, and limitations on, those who have a signed authorization to act on behalf of an employer or claimant.
<i>Chapter 192-180</i>	Job Search	Juanita Myers	CR101 – 8/06	Amend rules to provide that the denial of

		(360) 902-9665		benefits to an individual who fails to appear for a required review of his or her job search activities shall continue until the individual appears at the interview and satisfies the department s/he is actively seeking work.
<i>Chapter 192-110-050 and 192-140-005</i>	Late claims & failure to timely reopen claims	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 9/06	Amend rules to clarify the difference between a claim that is timely, one that is filed late, and a claimant’s failure to reopen a claim on time.
<i>Chapter 192-130-065</i>	Mailing addresses for notices to employer	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101- 10/06	Amend rule to clarify when a notice will be mailed to the employer’s address of record or to the address provided by the claimant.
<i>Title 192 WAC</i>	Technical amendments— Expedited Adoption & Repeal	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR105 – 8/06	Housekeeping changes to correct statutory references, delete outdated language, and clarify terms.